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THE FOLLOWING CANADIAN PRESS (OTTAWA DATELINE) REPORT
WAS CARRIED IN THE TORONTO GLOBE AND MAIL OF OCT 10
CONCERNING ENERGY MINISTER MACDONALD'S REACTIONS TO A
JOINT U.S.-CANADIAN OIL PIPELINE AND DISCUSSIONS WITH
U.S. OFFICIALS: BEGIN QUOTE. ENERGY MINISTER DONALD
MACDONALD SAYS CANADA HAS MORE REASON NOW THAN IT HAD A YEAR
AGO TO BE INTERESTED IN A JOINT U.S.-CANADIAN OIL
PIPELINE ALONG THE MACKENZIE RIVER VALLEY.

HE TOLD REPORTERS HE WILL STUDY IN DETAIL THE PROPOSALS
FOR DEVELOPMENT OF ALASKAN OIL CONTAINED IN PRESIDENT
GERALD FORD'S ANTI-INFLATION STATEMENT TUESDAY. MR.
FORD SAID HE WANTS FAST ACTION ON A STUDY OF WAYS TO
TAP VAST ALASKAN OIL RESERVES.

"THE PRESIDENT'S STATEMENT INDICATES A SUBSTANTIAL
ADDITION TO PIPELINE FACILITIES," MR. MACDONALD SAID.

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IT IS TOO EARLY TO PREDICT A JOINT PIPELINE, BUT

HE HAD DISCUSSED THE MATTER WITH U.S. OFFICIALS IN WASHINGTON LAST WEEK.

"THERE MIGHT BE MORE INTEREST IN PIPELINE PROJECT NOW BECAUSE IN THE LAST YEAR WE HAVE FOUND INDICATIONS OF SUBSTANTIAL OIL DEPOSITS IN THE MACKENZIE DELTA."

IT MIGHT BE TO THE ADVANTAGE OF BOTH COUNTRIES TO HAVE A PIPELINE CARRYING DELTA OIL TO THE REST OF CANADIAN (SIC) AND ALASKAN OIL TO THE UNITED STATES, MR. MACDONALD SAID. SUCH A DEVELOPMENT WOULD HAVE TO MEET CANADIAN ECOLOGICAL CRITERIA.

THE POSSIBILITY OF BUILDING A DEEPSEA TERMINAL OFF THE COAST OF WASHINGTON STATE ALSO WAS RAISED IN HIS TALKS WITH U.S. OFFICIALS, MR. MACDONALD SAID.

"THAT WOULD AVOID THE NECESSITY OF HAVING TANKER MOVEMENTS IN THE INLAND WATERS WHICH MIGHT THREATEN THE BRITISH COLUMBIA COAST." END QUOTE PORTER

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